

heritage. I too appreciate the importance of celebrating our culture, and embracing the ideals upheld by the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California. Their 70 years of dedication to preserving our heritage while promoting progress is admirable and certainly deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, an organization steeped in culture and tradition that remains committed to the preservation and progress of the Portuguese community and the State of California.

RECOGNIZING THE LOSS OF ARMY
SPECIALIST ALAIN L.
KAMOLVATHIN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a New Jersey citizen who served with dignity and honor as a soldier in Iraq. I join his family, friends and members of his community in mourning this great loss.

On Sunday, January 16, Army Spc. Alain L. Kamolvathin, 21, of Blairstown, New Jersey died in Baghdad, Iraq as a result of a vehicle accident. Kamolvathin was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, New York.

A resident of Blairstown, N.J., Kamolvathin attended North Warren Regional High School. Following graduation, Kamolvathin enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard to serve our great nation while also seeking out new educational and travel opportunities. His friends described him as a hardworking, intelligent person with a deep love and commitment to his close-knit family.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them to duty to preserve freedom and the security of our neighbors, they answered without hesitation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to recognize the life of a proud soldier and heroic representative of the State of New Jersey. Army Spc. Alain L. Kamolvathin was an honorable defender of liberty and he deserves our gratitude and respect.

We remember those who have fallen not only as soldiers, but also as patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. May we keep their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to endure this difficult period and mourn the heroes America has lost.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM BEAUMONT
HOSPITAL

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the finest institutions

in my Congressional District, William Beaumont Hospital, which today celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Responding to a need for hospital services in southern Oakland County, William Beaumont Hospital first opened its doors in Royal Oak, Michigan on January 24, 1955 with 238 beds. In 1977, Beaumont opened a second hospital in Troy, Michigan. Today, Beaumont Hospital is a 1,061-bed tertiary care, teaching, research and referral center, representing 91 medical and surgical specialties, with a staff of more than 2,400 physicians.

The importance and value of Beaumont Hospital to Oakland County is clear. In 2003, Beaumont was ranked first in the State of Michigan for inpatient hospital admissions, births and emergency room visits. In 2002, the hospital was ranked first in the United States for outpatient surgeries, and second in the United States for total surgeries. Beaumont has also established itself as a major teaching facility, with 290 resident physicians in 17 accredited residency programs, 40 fellows in 13 fellowship programs and affiliations with major universities.

Beaumont has made tremendous contributions to Oakland County as the county's third largest employer. In 2001, the hospital was ranked by Crain's Detroit Business as one of the best places to work.

Technological advances over the past 50 years have brought many changes to the healthcare profession and to hospital services, and the staff of William Beaumont Hospital has remained true to its mission of providing efficient, effective, and compassionate patient care. It has maintained services that have earned it a reputation as one of the nation's top hospitals.

In 50 years, Beaumont Hospital has grown into a thriving hospital that is nationally recognized for providing outstanding healthcare services. Beaumont Hospital has been an important resource for Oakland County and an exemplary institution during its years of service and dedication to our community. I am proud to have this top rate facility in my Congressional District.

This is a significant milestone for William Beaumont Hospital and I want to commend it for its service and dedication to the residents of Oakland County. I look forward to working together with Beaumont Hospital to build upon its achievements to make the hospital even stronger for the future.

HONORING SUSAN SEGAL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan Segal, Principal of Basic High School in Henderson, Nevada. Ms. Segal is now completing her twenty-first year in the Clark County School District. She moved to Nevada from New York City where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the City University of New York and began teaching Spanish and French in the New York City school system. Ms. Segal began her career in Nevada's school system in February 1983 as an itinerant English language teacher in the Indo-Chinese Refugee Program.

Ms. Segal became an administrator in January 1994 when she was appointed Dean of Students at Basic High School, and after two years was appointed Assistant Principal at Cheyenne High School. In January of 1999 she was appointed Principal of Desert Pines High School where she was in charge of selecting a curriculum and hiring a complete staff for the high school.

In July of 2002, Ms. Segal returned to Basic High School where she is the current principal and oversees 100 licensed personnel, five administrators, and 40 support staff in a school of about 2,230 students. She balances her time between her staff and her students by ensuring that her students are receiving the best education possible.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Segal works diligently to serve her local Nevada community as she works hard to prepare her students for the future. She is a wonderful role model who gives 100 percent to her staff and her students. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate her diligence and hard work and would ask that my colleagues support me in honoring Susan Segal for her invaluable service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 6, I was unable to be present during the counting of the electoral ballots and missed the vote on Agreeing to the Objection to counting the ballots of the state of Ohio. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

IN TRIBUTE TO WALT STARLING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the House the recent passing of Walt Starling, who many Members who have been serving in the House for a while will remember as the first traffic reporter in the Washington metropolitan area who took to the air to report on rush hour traffic conditions.

For over 20 years, twice each workday, Walt circled the Washington skies at 1,200 feet in a Cessna plane that he piloted himself to let us know where the traffic jams were and how to avoid them. I was one of the fortunate ones to ride on a tour around the region. I got the bird's eye view, including the highway network in my district located just outside the nation's capital in Virginia.

I also got to know Walt and to rely on his advice on ways to improve transportation in our region. Walt and two airborne traffic reporters in Washington that he trained—Bob Marbourg and Andy Parks—saw the big traffic picture every day from their unique vantage points and gave their professional insight at a town meeting I held in the 1980's on reducing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) rules on I-66.

Walt was a caring, dedicated professional who touched the lives of so many people. He also was a devoted husband and father. To